CLAIMS

1. Base particles for supporting a surfactant, obtainable by spray-drying a slurry comprising a water-soluble polymer (A), an inhibitor for forming a coating film (B) and a water-soluble salt (C) other than the inhibitor for forming a coating film, wherein the surfactant is contained in an amount of from 0 to 10% by weight of the base particles.

2. The base particles according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the water-soluble polymer to the inhibitor for forming a coating film in a base particle constituting the base particles, i.e. water-soluble polymer/inhibitor for forming a coating film, is from 0.1 to 100.

3. The base particles according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the slurry further comprises a water-insoluble inorganic compound (D).

4. The base particles according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3,~~ Claim 1 or 2 wherein the inhibitor for forming a coating film is an alkali metal halide.

5. The base particles according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4,~~ Claim 1 or 2 wherein the inhibitor for forming a coating film exists on the surface of a base particle and/or its vicinity.

6. The base particles according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5,~~ Claim 1 or 2 wherein the inhibitor for forming a coating film exists as crystals in the base particle.

7. Base particles for supporting a surfactant, obtainable by spray-drying a slurry comprising at least a water-soluble polymer (A) and an alkali metal halide, wherein the surfactant is contained in an amount of from 0 to 10% by weight of the base particles, and wherein a weight ratio of the water-soluble polymer to the alkali metal halide in a base particle constituting the base particles, i.e. water-soluble polymer/alkali metal halide, is from 0.1 to 100.

8. A process for preparing base particles for supporting a surfactant, the base particles containing the surfactant in an amount of from 0 to 10% by weight, comprising the step of spray-drying a slurry comprising a water-soluble polymer (A), an inhibitor for forming a coating film (B) and a water-soluble salt (C) other than the inhibitor for forming a coating film, wherein a dissolution ratio of Component (B) in the slurry is at a level sufficient to inhibit formation of a coating film on the surface of the resulting base particles.

9. Detergent particles having an average particle size of from 150 to 750 μm and a bulk density of 500 g/L or more, wherein 1 to 100 parts by weight of a surfactant is supported in 100 parts by weight of the base particles of ~~any one of claims 1 to 7.~~ Claim 1 or 2

10. The detergent particles according to claim 9, wherein the detergent particles have uni-core property.

11. A detergent composition comprising the detergent particles of claim 9 ~~or 10~~.